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SUBJ: ECAFE: PRG AND KHMER ISSUES AT 30TH SESSION

REF: SAIGON 2875, BANGKOK 3881, STATE 46743

1. GOVT OF SRI LANKA WILL NAME T.B. SUBASINGHE, MINISTER OF INDUSTRIES AND SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS TO BE CHAIRMAN OF 30TH SESSION OF ECAFE. FOREIGN MINISTER WILL NOT BE CHAIRMAN AS PRIMJMINISTER BANDARANAIKE ALSO HOLDS PORTFOLIO OF DEFENCE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS. SUBASINGHE, FORMER AMB TO MOSCOW, IS ONE OF LEFTISTS IN CABINET AND PRIME MINISTERS SRI LANKA FREEDOM PARTY.

2. GSL OFFIALS INFORM US THAT PRC HAS MADE NO APPROACH ON SEATING PRG AND GRUNK AT ECAFE SESSION AND THAT THEY WOULD BE SURPRISED IF CHINESE DID RAISE ISSUE. IF PRC DID RAISE
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ISSUE GSL WOULD MERELY REFER MATTER TO ECAFE SECRETARIAT.
PLANNING MINISTRY OFFICIAL WHO IS GSL COORDINATOR FOR
CONFERENCE AND WHO ALSO ATTENDED TOKYO MEETING LAST YEAR
TOLD EMBOFF HE EXPECTS PRC WILL MERELY PUT ON RECORD ITS
OBJECTION TO SEATING GVN AND KHMER REPUBLIC DELEGATIONS.
HE DOES NOT BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT PRC WILL RAIUZ CONTROVERSY
OVER IT.

3. ECAFE SESSION IS FIRST LARVZ INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN NEWLY-OPENEND, PRC BUILT
BANDARANAIKE MEMORIAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE HALL.
GSL WILL BE ANXIOUS TO AVOID ANY CONTROVERSY IF AT ALL
POSSIBLE. GSL OFFICIALS TELL US SRI LANKA WILL CERTAINLY
NOT TAKE ANY INITIATIVE REGARDING SEATING OF PRG AND
GRUNK DELEGATIONS AND WE BELIEVE CEYLONENE WOULD STRONGLY
PREFER THAT ISSUE NOT BE RAISED AT ALL. HOWEVER, SHOULD
ISSUE COME TO VOTE, GSL WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY VOTE FOR SEATING
PRG WHICH IT RECOGNIZED IN 1970 ALTHOUGH NO DIPLOMATIC
MISSIONS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED. GSL HAS TAKEN NO PUBLIC
POSITION ON LEGITIMACY OF KHMER REPUBLIC OR GRUNK BUT,
IF SEATING QUESTION CAME TO VOTE, CEYLONENE WOULD MOST
LIKELY VOTE FOR SEATING GRUNK.
VAN HOLLEN

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